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SUBJECT: P.L. EXPORT TRANSACTION CHECK - YICK FUND SHIPPING &
ENTERPRISES CO. LTD. AND HOI TUNG MARINE MACHINERIES & SUPPLIES CO.

REF: STATE 273549

1. P.L. CHECK CONDUCTED ON YICK FUNG SHIPPING & ENTERPRISES
CO. LTD. REVEALED NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION. WE ASSUME
USDOC IS AWARE THAT YICK FUNG IS A WELL-KNOWN PRC CONTROLLED
FIRM ACTIVE IN SHIPPING. MR. LAM OF THE FIRM STATED THAT THE
MANGENTRON KLYSTRON THYRATRON TUBES WILL BE USED IN SOME OF
THEIR SHIPS.

2. P.L. CHECK CONDUCTED ON HOI TUNG MARINE MACHINERIES &
SUPPLIES CO. REVEALED THAT SUBJECT FIRM CEASED BUSINESS
OPERATION ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1975. THE FIRM WAS TAKEN OVER BY
CHINA MERCHANT STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION CO. LTD., ANOTHER WELL-
KNOWN PRC-CONTROLLED SHIPPING COMPANY. A MR. CHU OF CHINA
MERCHANT STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION CO. INFORMED THIS OFFICE THAT THE
GOODS ORDERED BY HOI TUNG MARINE WILL ALSO BE TAKEN OVER BY
CHINA MERCHANT STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION CO. AND WILL BE USED
IN SOME OF THEIR SHIPS.

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3. BOTH YICK FUNG AND CHINA MERCHANT -- WHICH MADE NO EFFORT

TO HIDE THEIR PRC-OWNERSHIP -- DID NOT RETURN OUR TRADE QUESTIONNAIRE, DESPITE OUR FOLLOW-UP LETTERS. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR CONGEN TO PREPARE WTDR ON PRC FIRMS, THOUGH THEIR CREDIT STANDING IN HONG KONG TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS NEVER BEEN QUESTIONED.

4. GIVEN THE PRC CONTROL OVER THESE FIRMS, THE POSSIBILITY OF DIVERSION OF THE GOODS TO CHINA CANNOT BE EXCLUDED.
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